



ABSOLUTE POWER

TASK FORCE VII

LAST SON RISING

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TEEN

WAR THROUGH THE EYES OF EVIL!

FROM THE WORLD OF DARK KNIGHTS OF STEEL

BLOOD RUNS COLD AS DEATHSTROKE
STALKS THE FROZEN WASTELAND

DARK KNIGHTS OF STEEL ALLWINTER

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HEROES YOU KNOW
WORLDS YOU DON'T



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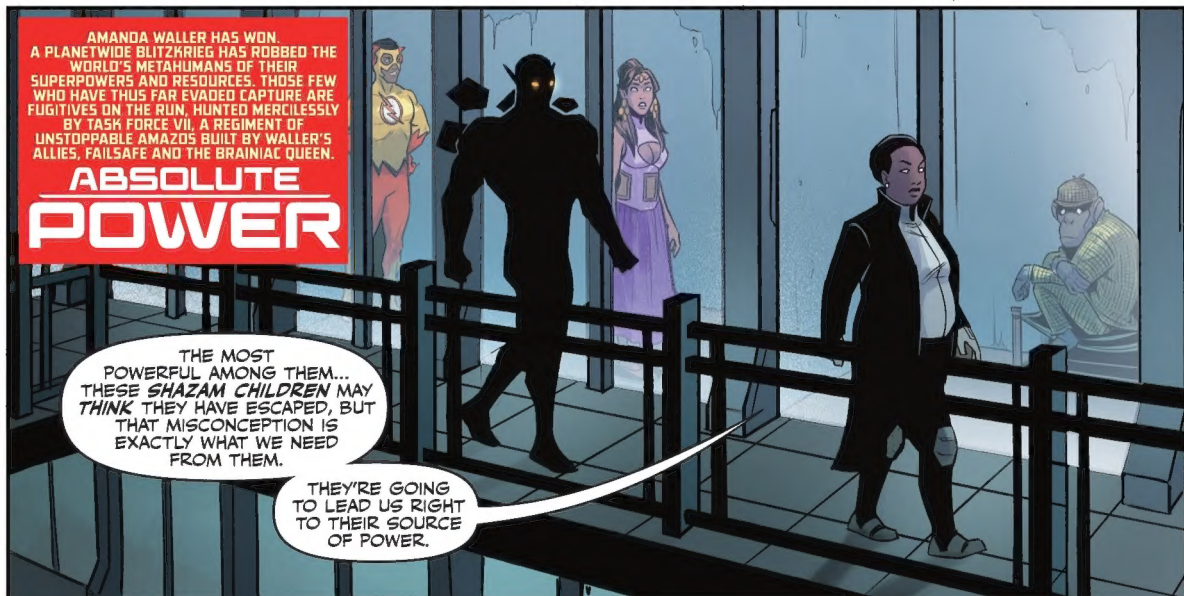
THE AGE OF THE SUPER HERO IS OVER, NOW IT'S TIME TO HUNT DOWN WHAT REMAINS.

AMANDA WALLER HAS WON A PLANETWIDE BLITZKRIEG HAS ROBBED THE WORLD'S METAHUMANS OF THEIR SUPERPOWERS AND RESOURCES. THOSE FEW WHO HAVE THUS FAR EVADED CAPTURE ARE FUGITIVES ON THE RUN, HUNTED MERCILESSLY BY TASK FORCE VII, A REGIMENT OF UNSTOPPABLE AMAZOS BUILT BY WALLER'S ALLIES, FAILSAFE AND THE BRAINIAC QUEEN.

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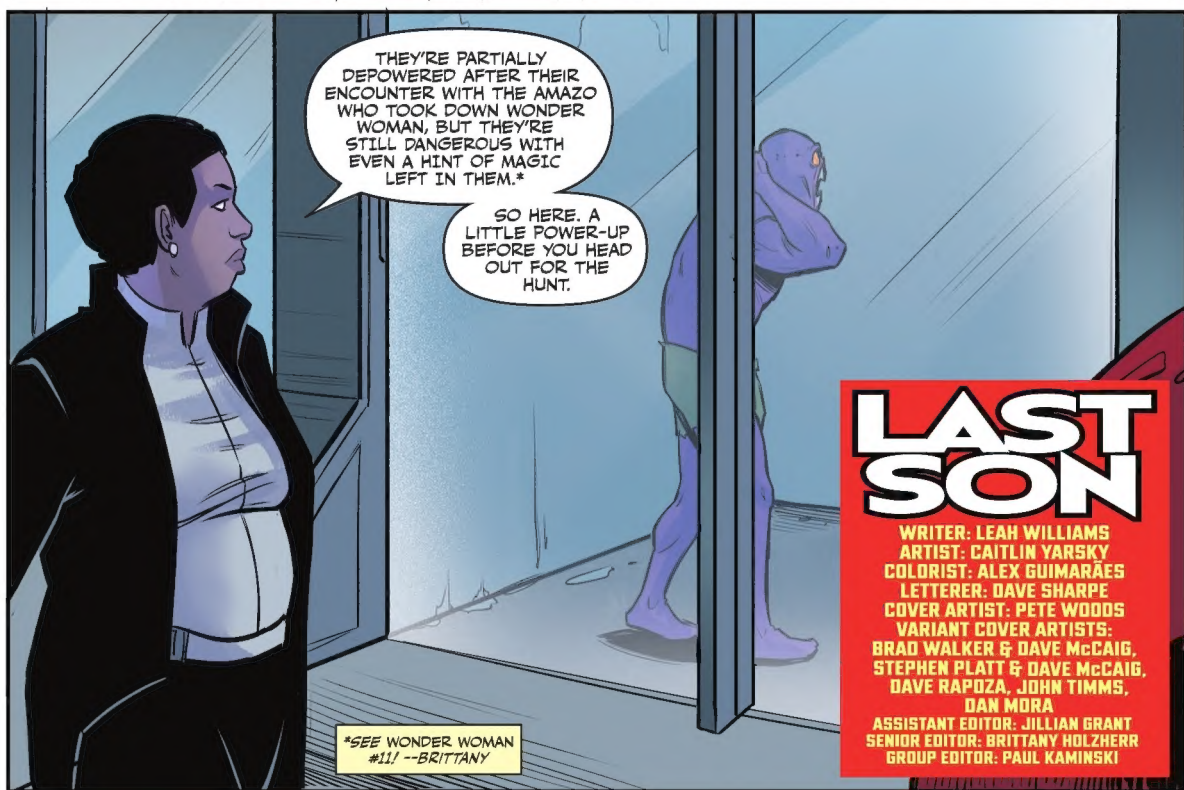
THE MOST POWERFUL AMONG THEM... THESE SHAZAM CHILDREN MAY THINK THEY HAVE ESCAPED, BUT THAT MISCONCEPTION IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED FROM THEM.

THEY'RE GOING TO LEAD US RIGHT TO THEIR SOURCE OF POWER.



THEY'RE PARTIALLY DEPOWERED AFTER THEIR ENCOUNTER WITH THE AMAZO WHO TOOK DOWN WONDER WOMAN, BUT THEY'RE STILL DANGEROUS WITH EVEN A HINT OF MAGIC LEFT IN THEM.*

SO HERE. A LITTLE POWER-UP BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT FOR THE HUNT.



*SEE WONDER WOMAN #11! --BRITTANY

LAST SON

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"THE CAPTAIN AND MARY MARVEL USE MAGIC TO TURN THEMSELVES INTO GODS."

"NOW THAT THEY *CAN'T*, BILLY BATSON AND MARY BROMFIELD WILL PREDICTABLY SEEK TO RECHARGE THEIR ABILITIES. WE'LL CATCH THEM BEFORE THEY DO."



GO ON, THEN. DRINK UP.



HUH?



WH-WHAT ARE YOU--



AAAAHHHHH!

AS FOR *WHERE* THE CHILDREN ARE-- THERE'S ONLY *ONE* PLACE THEY'D GO, REALLY.



STOP...



AND HERE'S THE PERFECT BLOODHOUND TO HELP YOU SNIFF THEM OUT ONCE YOU GET THERE.



BECAUSE WITHOUT *THIS* SUPPRESSING HIS HUNGER FOR POWER ABSORPTION--*



--HE'LL DO ANYTHING WE SAY.



*SEE SUPERMAN 2023 ANNUAL!



ISN'T THAT RIGHT, PARASITE?

Y-YES...

WELCOME BACK TO SUICIDE SQUAD. NOW LEAD *LAST SON* HERE TO THE CAPTAIN AND MARY MARVEL.



AND CRUSH THEM.

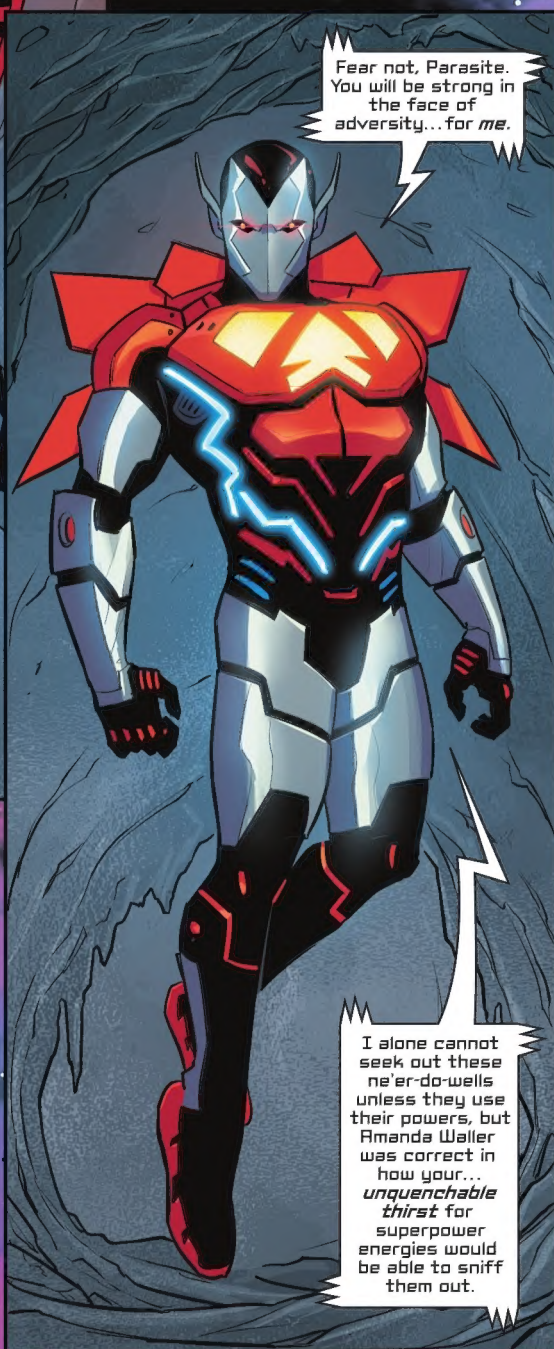
Yes.



N-NO--
PLEASE!



I-I'M TOO
WEAK TO CONTINUE...
I BROUGHT YOU HERE.
THEY'RE HERE. THAT
H-HAS TO BE ENOUGH
BY NOW...



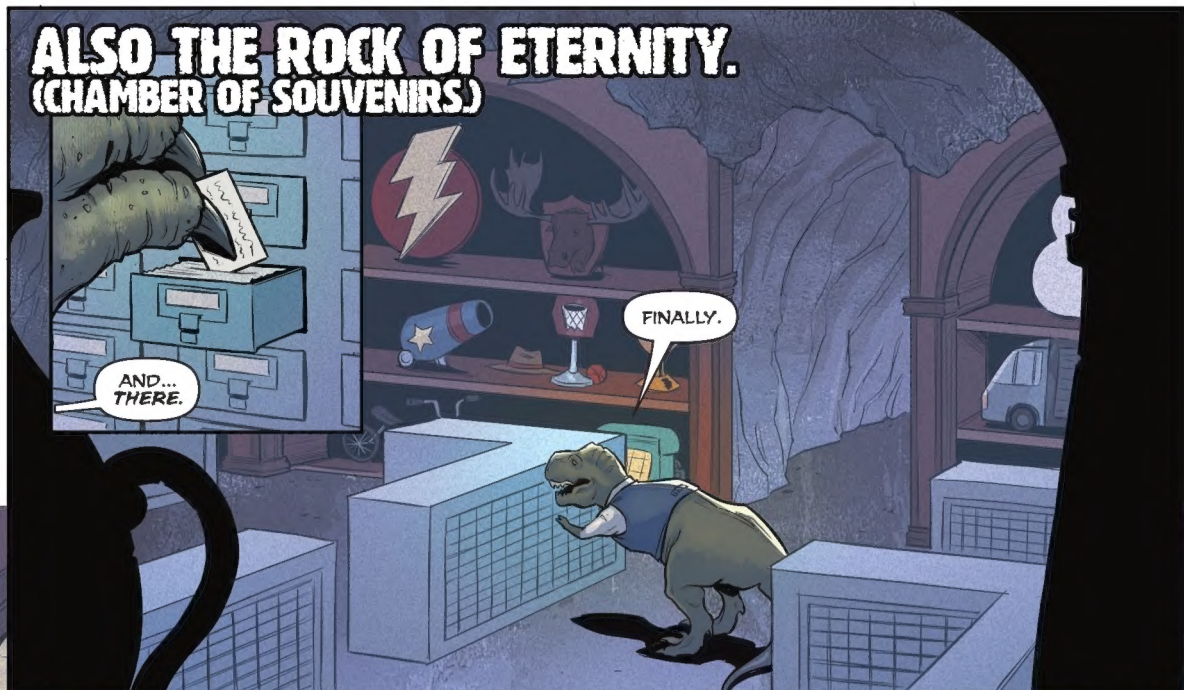
Fear not, Parasite.
You will be strong in
the face of
adversity... for me.

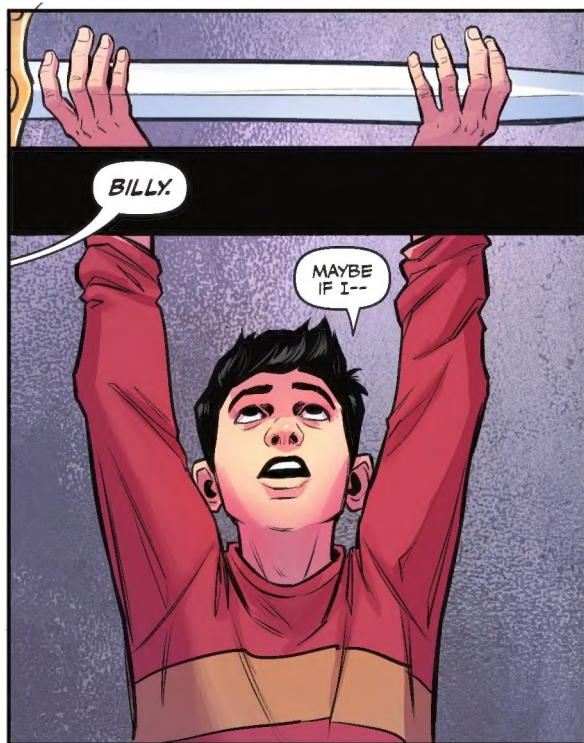
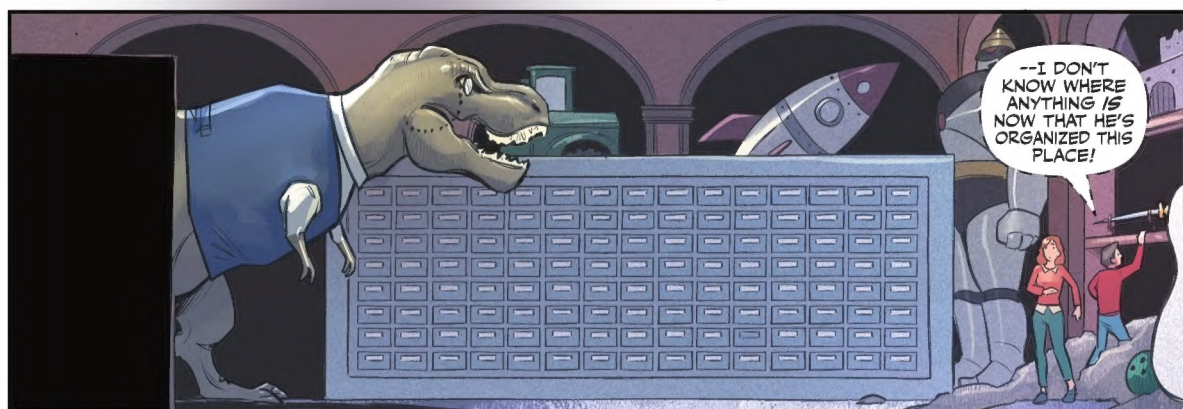
I alone cannot
seek out these
ne'er-do-wells
unless they use
their powers, but
Amanda Waller
was correct in
how your...
unquenchable
thirst for
superpower
energies would
be able to sniff
them out.

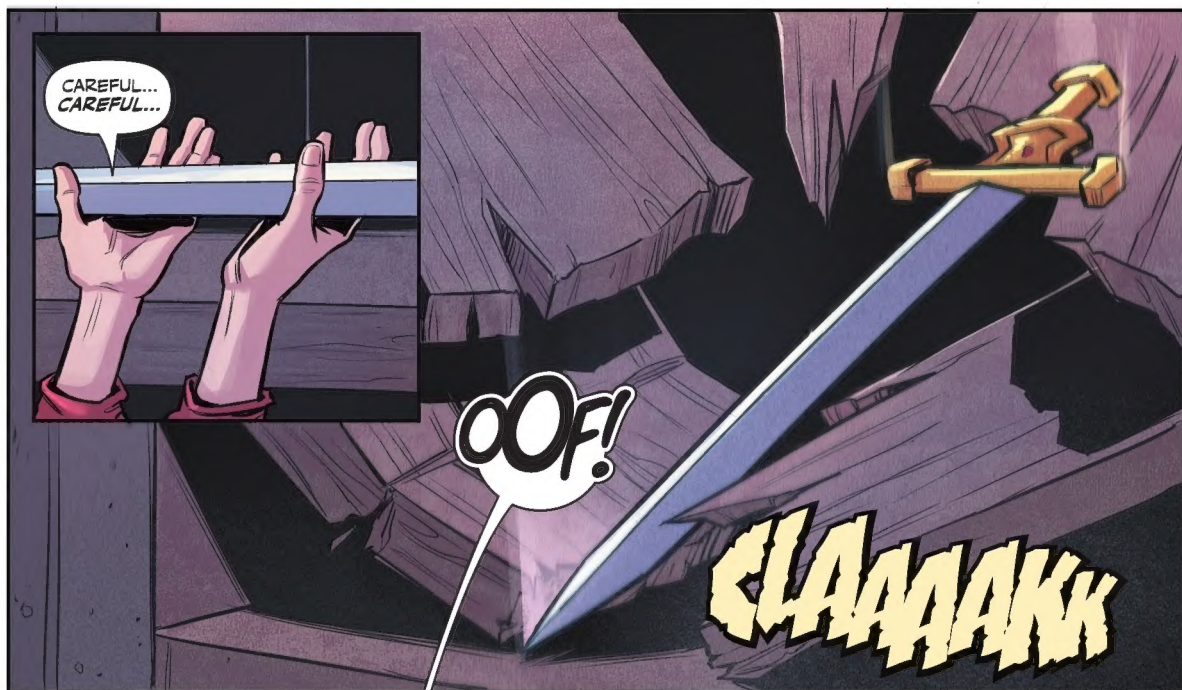
THE ROCK OF
ETERNITY.

"Now take
me to them."

ALSO THE ROCK OF ETERNITY. (CHAMBER OF SOUVENIRS.)









MR.
DINOSAUR!



GRAH!



BILLY
BATSON! MARY
BROMFIELD!

WE'RE--
WE'RE SO SORRY
FOR CAUSING A
MESS.

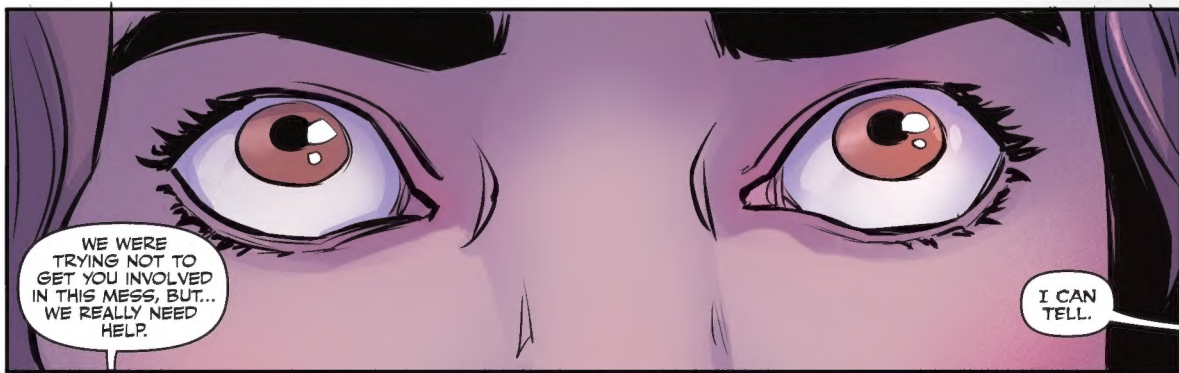
ON TOP OF THE
NUMEROUS CHAIN-OF-
CUSTODY FORMS FOR EACH
CATALOGED RELIC YOU'VE
DEFILED, NOW YOU'LL ALSO
NEED TO FILL OUT THE OSHA
VIOLATION PAPERWORK FOR
AN ITEM-RELATED
ON-SITE INJURY!



WE GET
OSHA IN
HERE?



IT'S NOT
CELL SERVICE,
BILLY.



WE WERE
TRYING NOT TO
GET YOU INVOLVED
IN THIS MESS, BUT...
WE REALLY NEED
HELP.

I CAN
TELL.

"AMANDA WALLER HAS
TAKEN OVER THE WORLD
WITH HER AMAZO ROBOTS."

"THE ROBOTS ARE
POWER-STEALING
MACHINES WHO'VE
DRAINED COUNTLESS
HEROES."

"WE WERE ATTACKED AND
OUR POWERS DRAINED TO
ALMOST NOTHING."

"WE ONLY GOT AWAY
THANKS TO *WONDER WOMAN*,
BUT SHE LOST HER POWERS
WHILE WE ESCAPED."

"WE CAME TO THE ROCK OF
ETERNITY TO HIDE OUT--"

"--AND TO MAYBE FIND SOME
WEAPON THAT COULD HELP
US DEFEAT THE AMAZOS."

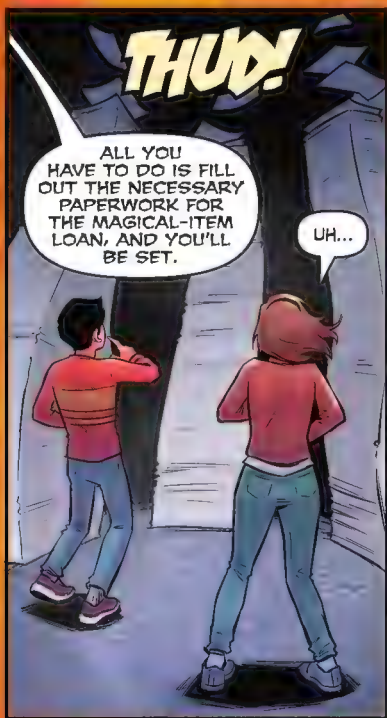
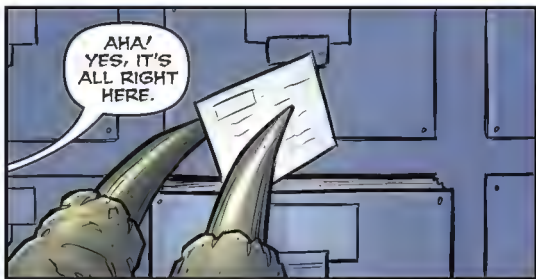
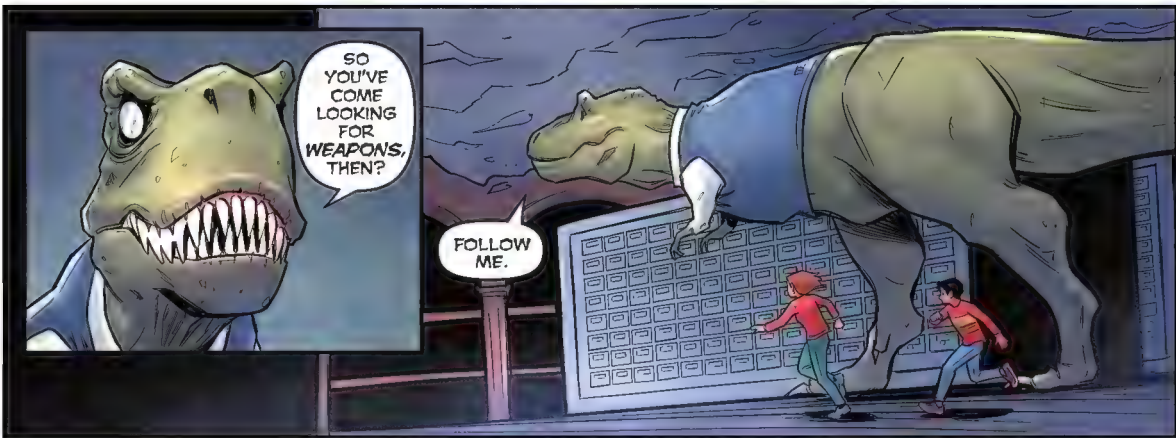


THAT'S ABOUT
IT. WE'RE USELESS
WITHOUT OUR POWERS.
THE GODS HAVE EVEN
REFUSED TO HELP US,
SAYING THEY WON'T
INTERFERE IN THE
QUARRELS OF
HUMANKIND.

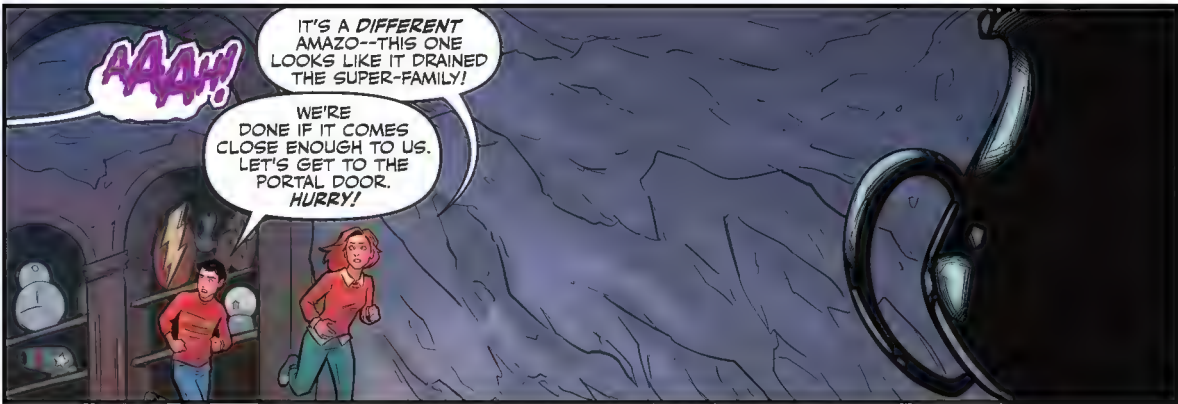
AS IF THAT'S
NOT ALL THEY
DO ANYWAY.
UGH!



WE CAN'T EVEN SUMMON
THE REST OF OUR NEARLY DEPLETED
POWERS WITHOUT ALERTING THE AMAZOS
TO OUR LOCATION--THEY ALREADY HAD A TASTE
OF US, AND IF WE ACTIVATE OUR ABILITIES
THEY'LL COME HUNTING FOR THE REST.

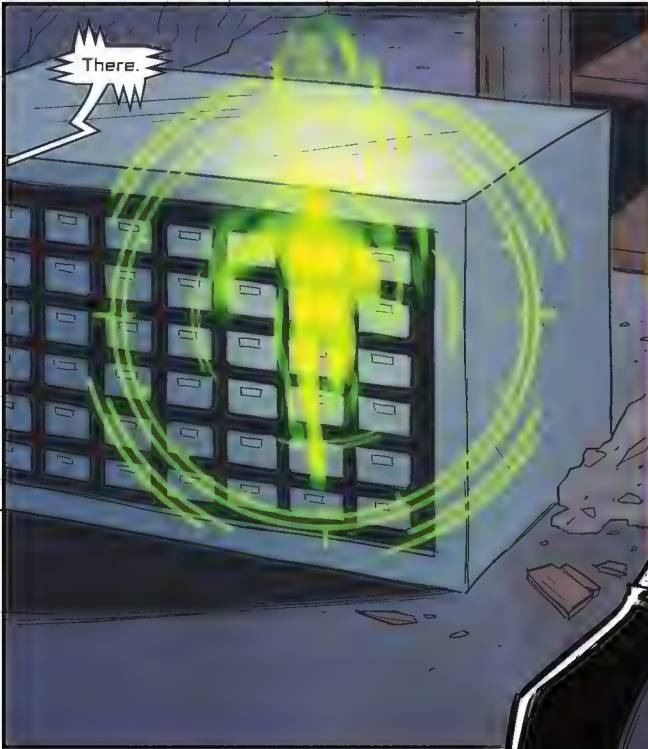






Agas. Ageless. Aegean Sea. See me. See me. See these? Seed, he's? I have seen the light.







I AM
BLACK
ADAM.

I AM YOUR
UNMAKER.

SHAZAM!



I CAME
HERE TO **PROTECT**
THIS PLACE OF POWER
BECAUSE **YOU** DON'T
BELONG HERE.

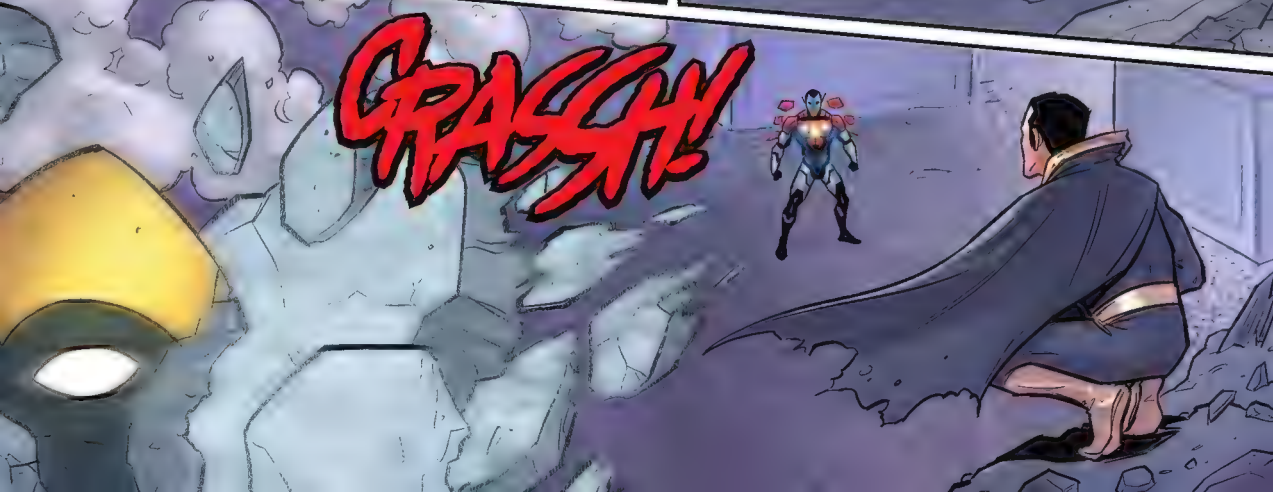


By all that is
holy and just, I will
vanquish you.

YES, THIS
IS A HOLY
PLACE.



BUT MY
GODS AND I DO
NOT ANSWER TO
OBJECTS.

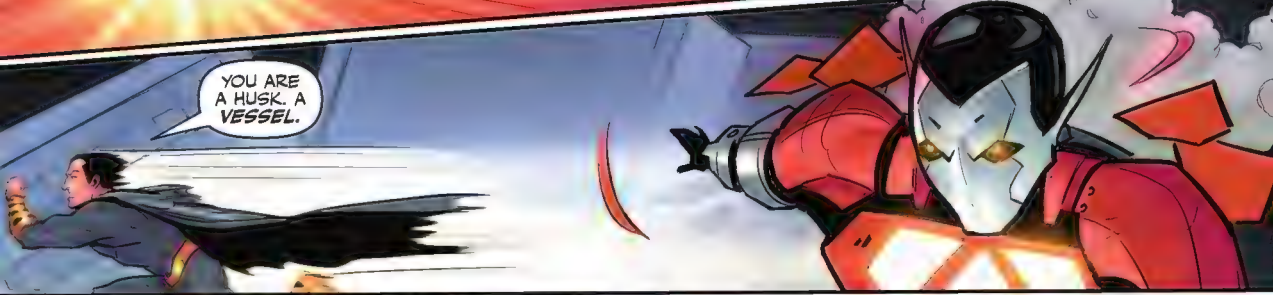


CRASHH!



Cease your escape attempts, villain! I am the champion here!

TCH. "CHAMPION"? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.



YOU ARE A HUSK. A VESSEL.



Query: vessel.

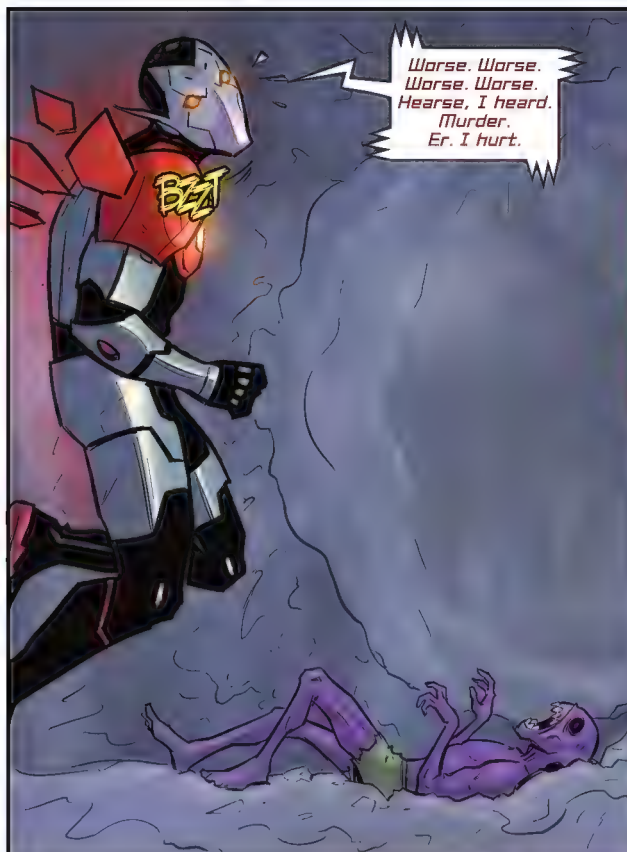
AN EMPTY SHELL BUILT TO BE FILLED WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S WILL.



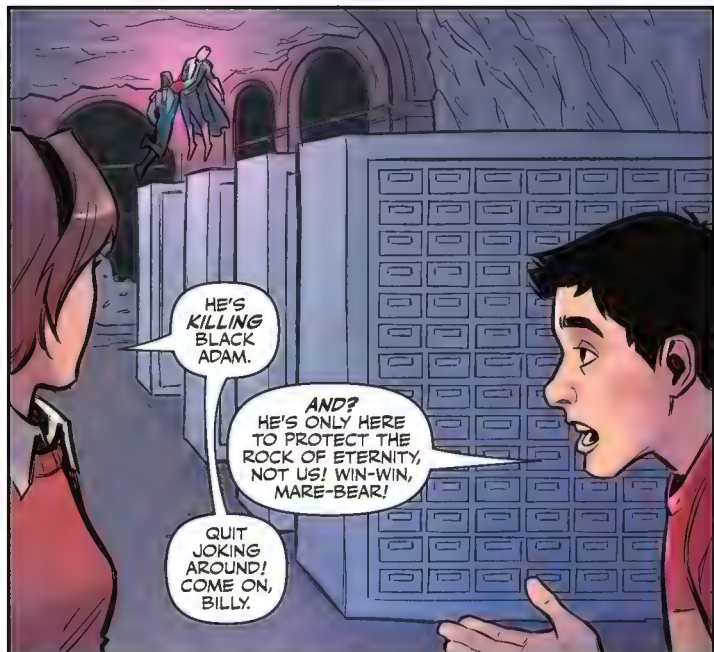
I'VE WATCHED YOU AND YOUR KIND DRAIN OTHERS.

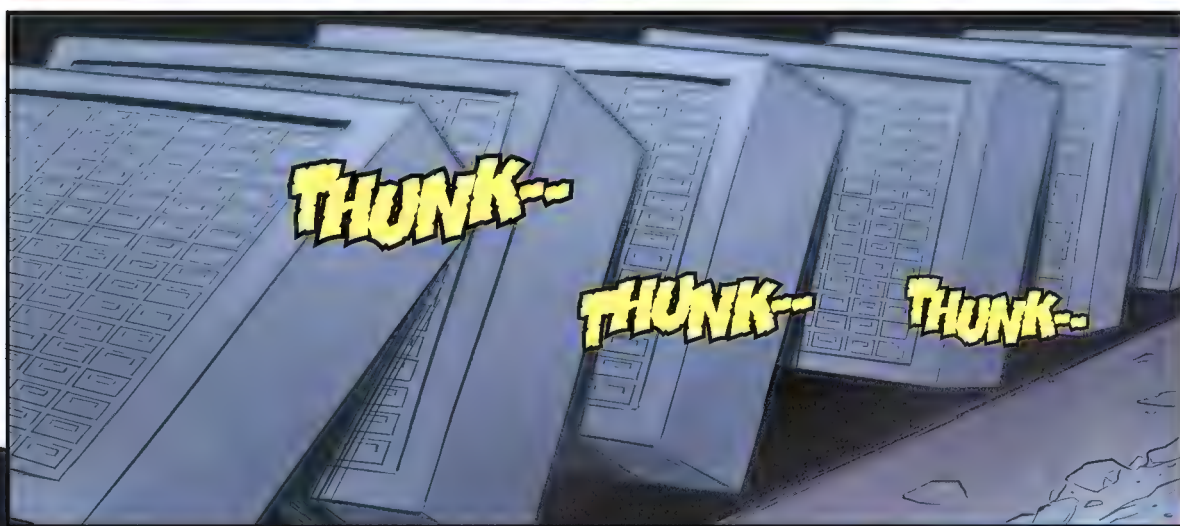
YOU STEAL POWERS BECAUSE YOU HAVE NONE.

YOU...ARE SOMETHING WORSE THAN PARASITIC.









"[TRANSMISSION, ATTN WALLER:]
Prepare three cells
for new occupants."

"[TRANSMISSION, ATTN WALLER:]
Mission success."

GAMORRA. AMANDA WALLER'S PRISON BASE.

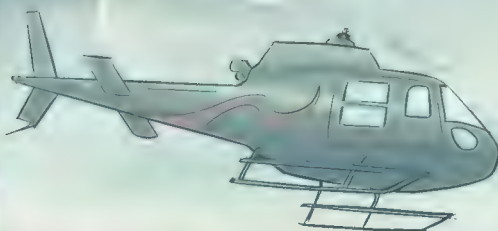
WALLER HAS ME REPORTING
FOR "SPECIAL DUTY," SHE SAYS.

BUT I THINK SHE JUST WANTS TO
KEEP AN EYE ON ME BECAUSE
OF MY TIES TO WONDER WOMAN.

HERE
YOU ARE,
COLONEL
TREVOR.

THANKS.

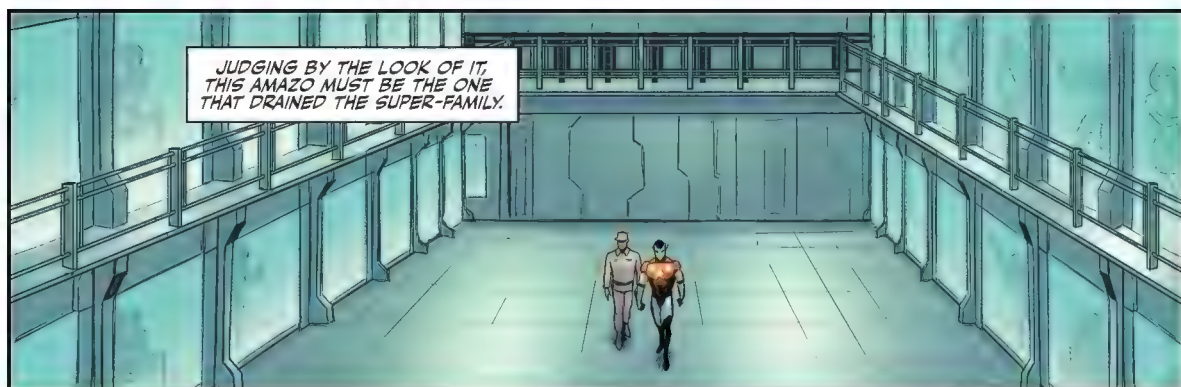
THIS FORTRESS
IS A MONUMENT TO HER
TWISTED AMBITION.



Steve
Trevor. You're
expected.

SO
I'VE BEEN
INFORMED.





JUDGING BY THE LOOK OF IT,
THIS AMAZO MUST BE THE ONE
THAT DRAINED THE SUPER-FAMILY.



I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
THE HELL WALLER'S VISION FOR THE
WORLD IS, GOING FORWARD.

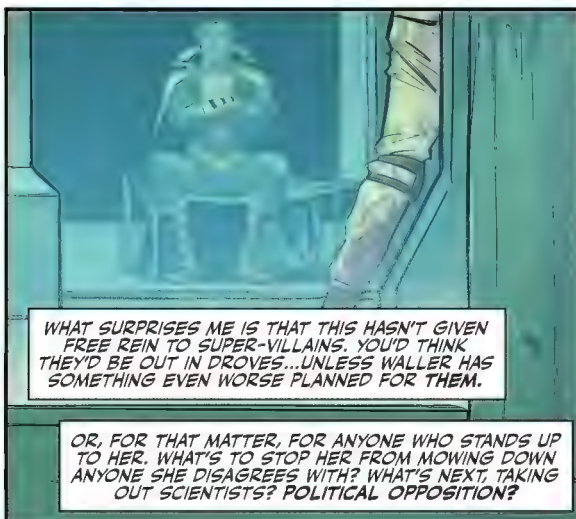
SHE'S CLOSE TO GETTING WHAT
SHE WANTS BUT DOESN'T SEEM
TO GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THE
GLOBAL CONSEQUENCES.



NATIONS ARE UP IN ARMS BECAUSE THEIR
SUPERHEROES--THEIR CITIZENS--HAVE BEEN
ATTACKED, STRIPPED OF THEIR POWERS,
AND CAPTURED BY AN AMERICAN ACTION.



SHE SPUN THE WORLD INTO
A PANIC WITH FAKE NEWS
ABOUT SUPERHEROES GOING
ROGUE JUST SO SHE COULD
CLAIM THE AUTHORITY TO
DEPOWER AND
INCARCERATE THEM.



WHAT SURPRISES ME IS THAT THIS HASN'T GIVEN
FREE REIN TO SUPER-VILLAINS. YOU'D THINK
THEY'D BE OUT IN DROVES...UNLESS WALLER HAS
SOMETHING EVEN WORSE PLANNED FOR THEM.

OR, FOR THAT MATTER, FOR ANYONE WHO STANDS UP
TO HER. WHAT'S TO STOP HER FROM MOWING DOWN
ANYONE SHE DISAGREES WITH? WHAT'S NEXT, TAKING
OUT SCIENTISTS? POLITICAL OPPOSITION?

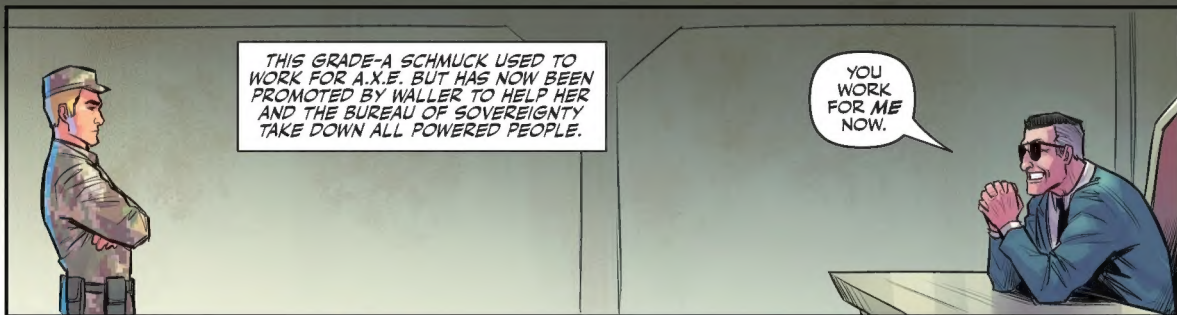


ALL THIS GLOBAL UNCERTAINTY HAS
THE NORTH AMERICAN STOCK MARKET
ON THE BRINK, WHICH WILL ONLY CAUSE
CHAOS IN THE WORLD ECONOMY.

AND WALLER SAYS SHE HAS "PEOPLE"
WORKING ON IT...BUT WHY ARE WE PLACING
THAT MUCH DAMN RESPONSIBILITY WITH FELONS
LIKE THE CALCULATOR AND THE THINKER?



I ASKED
FOR YOU
SPECIFICALLY,
COLONEL
TREVOR.



THIS GRADE-A SCHMUCK USED TO
WORK FOR A.X.E. BUT HAS NOW BEEN
PROMOTED BY WALLER TO HELP HER
AND THE BUREAU OF SOVEREIGNTY
TAKE DOWN ALL POWERED PEOPLE.

YOU
WORK
FOR ME
NOW.



EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY.

THE HELL
I DO.

NEXT:
ATLANTIS'S
NEW RULER!

THE EARTH-SHATTERING
CROSSOVER OF THE YEAR
ARRIVES IN A STUNNING
HARDCOVER COLLECTION!

JUSTICE LEAGUE vs. GODZILLA vs. KONG COLLECTED EDITION

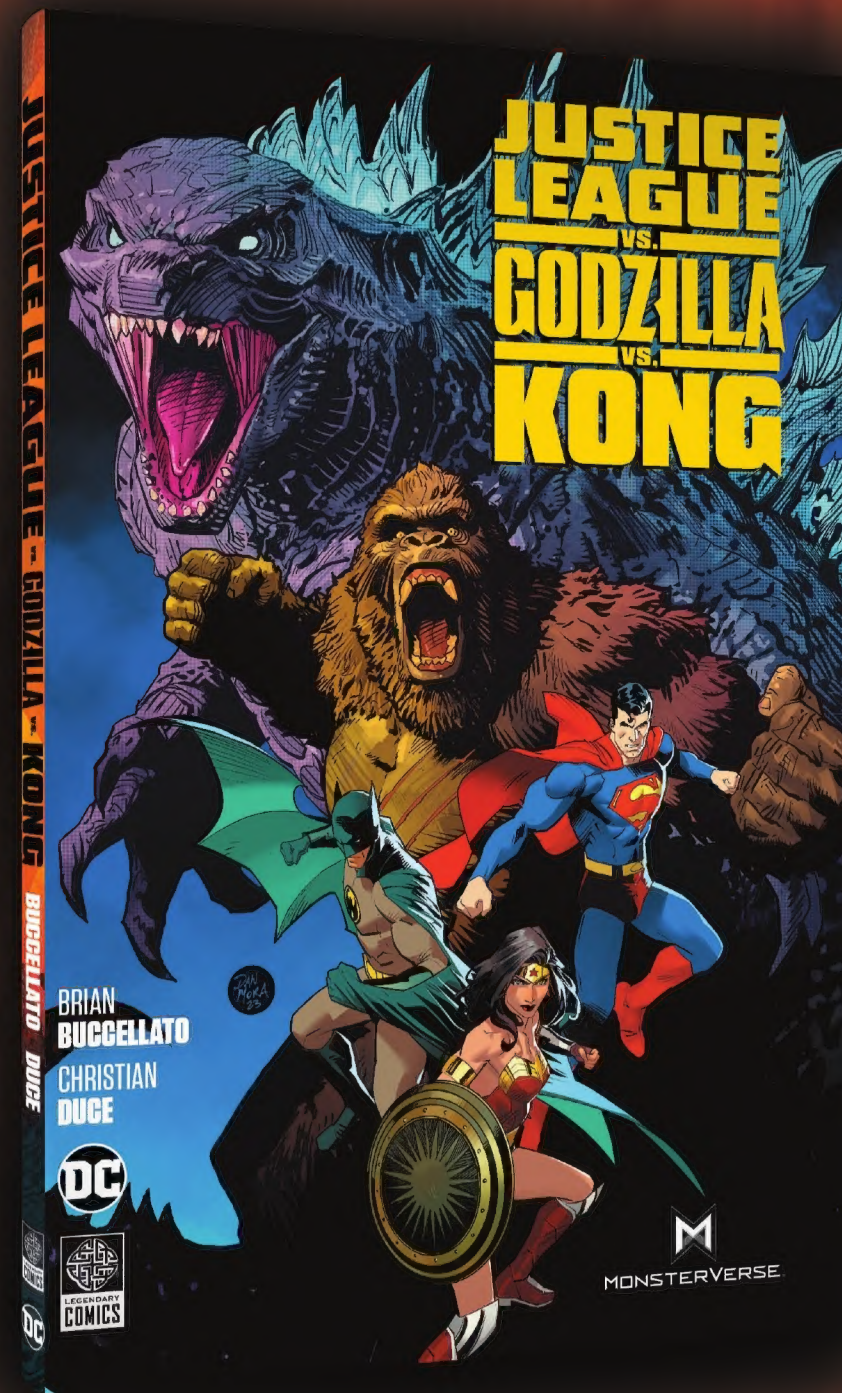
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"I thought we were ambitious making *Godzilla vs. Kong*,
but these guys took it to a whole new level."

—Adam Wingard, Director, *Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire*



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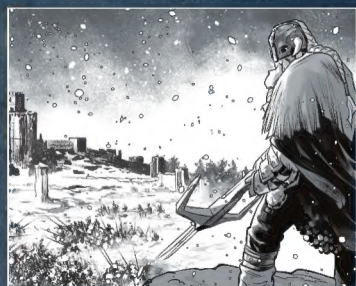
DARK KNIGHTS OF STEEL ALLWINTER

Interview with JAY KRISTOFF

Blood runs cold as a weathered Deathstroke stalks a frozen wasteland, killing for coin amidst a nation at war. Jay Kristoff, co-writer of *Dark Knights of Steel: Tales from the Three Kingdoms*, teams with artist Tirso to craft a brutal and epic tale set in the *Dark Knights of Steel* universe. DC Nation sat down with Kristoff to give fans a look into the series.

After penning a story in *Dark Knights of Steel: Tales from the Three Kingdoms*, what was it like to craft a full miniseries set in that universe?

Enormous fun! I was lucky enough to have a break between edits on *Empire of the Damned*, so I got to pen and plan out all six issues of the series simultaneously. These heroes and villains have an amazing legacy, and taking some iconic DC characters on a classic dark hero's journey in a fantasy setting was a true joy.



What kind of quest are we going to see Deathstroke go on, and how is this different from other versions of the character fans have seen?

The setting is Jarnlünd, a Norse-inspired island archipelago far to the north of the El Kingdom. For 21 years, Jarnlünd has been in the grip of endless winter, and Slade Wilson/Deathstroke gets dragged into a quest to end it, albeit accidentally.

The *Dark Knights of Steel* version of Slade is a very old and bitter one. He's near the end his life, and living with the mistakes of his past. This quest might be one last shot at redemption.



What are some of your favorite elements of sword-and-sorcery stories that you're bringing to this miniseries?

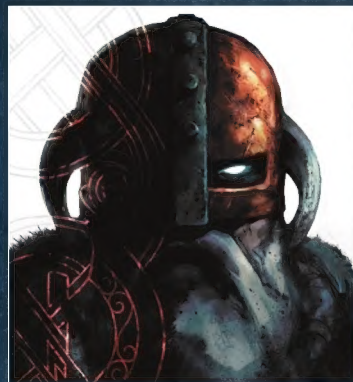
Grizzled mentor/plucky protégé is always going to be a favorite of mine. Epic battles. Strange magic. Brutal family politics. No dragons in this one, though.

Who are some other *Dark Knights of Steel* characters who will be playing a role in this story beyond Deathstroke?

I'm not sure how much I can reveal. There's a new take on a fan-favorite old Green character. A one-eyed shadow from Slade's past. A truly chilling villain...and a certain prince from the pages of *Dark Knights of Steel* may or may not make an appearance.

What has it been like collaborating with artist Tirso?

He's amazing. Just a real visionary, with a really unique style, and a true pleasure to work with. I can't wait for folks to see what we've come up with!



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